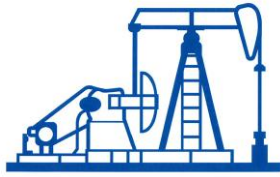




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August 21, 22, 23, 2012
Nakai Hall
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Conference Agenda

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All Day

GENERAL SESSION

TUESDAY, August 21, 2012

7:30 am - 4:00 pm		Registration And Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries <i>Mr. Pax Harvey - Dine' Entertainer - Facilitator, MC and Entertainer</i>
8:00 am - 8:05 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Prayer
8:05 am - 8:20 am		President Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation “Agriculture and Conservation on the Navajo Nation”
8:20 am - 8:30		Honorable Katherine Benally, Chairperson, Resources and Development Committee, NN Council “Caring for Our Land”
8:30 am - 9:15 am		Al Silva Chief Operating Officer/General Manager, Labatt Food Service “Native Beef Program”
9:15 am - 10:35 am		Branch of Natural Resources, BIA, Navajo Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grazing Permit Overview, Calvert Curley, BIA/BNR - Historical Overview - Inventory (non-use, probate, cancellation, administrative hold, etc.) - Summary: Navajo Nation Wide; By Agency (map, acre, sheep unit) - Permittee Responsibility, Summary of Challenges - Authority Reference, Casey Francisco, BNR/BIA - Range Inventory and Utilization Study Overview, Jerome Willie, BNR/BIA - Agency REPORTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Western Navajo (District 1, 2, 3, 5, 8), Casey Francisco, BNR/BIA - Ft. Defiance (District 7, 14, 18 17), Jerome Willie, BNR/BIA - Central Navajo (District 4, 10, 11)Genevieve Benally, BNR/BIA - Shiprock Northern Navajo (District 9, 12, 13), Jim Dee, BNR, BIA - Eastern Navajo (District 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22), Effie Delmar, BNR/BIA
10:35 am - 12:00 pm		Question and Answer (2 minute per person)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		Lunch Break - BBQ Area
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer, U.S. Geological Survey “Navajo drought: Drought impact, greater vulnerability from drought, remediation.” Mr. Fred Johnson, Environmental Specialist, Water Quality, Navajo EPA, Dine' Translator
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm		Question and Answer
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm		Dr. Michael A. Crimmins, Ph.D, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist - Climate Science Department of Soil, Water & Environmental Science, The University of Arizona “The Changing Global Climate and the Impact on the Navajo Nation”
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm		Question and Answer
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm		Break
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Water Resources Department - Water Access (windmills, earthen dams, ponds, streams); Drought Monitoring; Operation and Maintenance; Information Resources Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windmill, Earth Dam, Ponds, etc. Inventory, James T. Hale, Principal Engineering Technician, WRD - Windmill Operation and Maintenance, Merle Burbank, Senior Construction Supervisor, WRD - Water Monitoring & Inventory and Drought Monitoring, Bel B. Pachhai, Jerome Bekis, Water Mgt. Branch
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm		Question and Answer
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm		Fred Johnson, Environmental Specialist, Water Quality, Navajo EPA “Surface Water Quality Impact on Navajo: Nonpoint Source Pollution”

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WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2012

½ Day	General Session
Track 1	Navajo & Federal Policy/Laws
Track 2	Navajo Government Process
Track 3	Livestock Management
Track 4	Farming/Gardening

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries <i>Mr. Pax Harvey - Dine' Entertainer - Facilitator, MC and Entertainer</i>			
8:10 am - 8:15 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Prayer		
8:15 am - 8:30 am		Leo Watchman, Jr., Department Manager, Navajo Department of Agriculture <i>“BINI’ANT’AATSOZI — BIG HARVEST IN RIPENING OF EARLY CROPS SEASON AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE PURPOSE”</i>		
8:30 am - 8:50 am		Leonard Tsosie, Member, Resources and Development Committee, Navajo Nation Council <i>“Future Outlook: Agriculture on the Navajo Nation”</i>		
8:50 am - 9:50 pm		Navajo Grazing Act - Mr. Ray Castillo, Extension Agent, NNDA 1. General Purpose 2. Full Time Employee 3. Grazing Fees - regional conservation projects		
9:50 am - 10:20 am		Question and Answer (2 minutes per person) Moderator - Casey Begay, DGCM Member		
10:20 am - 10:35 am		Break		
10:35 am - 12:00 pm		Question and Answer - Moderator - Casey Begay, DGCM Member		
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Lunch Break - BBQ Area		
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm (4H Pavilion)		LIVE DEMONSTRATION Doctor Scott Bender, Veterinarian Veterinary and Livestock Program, Navajo Department Of Agriculture - <i>Restraining Livestock Safely</i> - <i>Castration of Lambs and Calves</i> - <i>Dehorning Cattle</i>		
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm		<i>“Agriculture Land Use Plots”</i> Juan Arviso, BNR/BIA	<i>“How to Write a Successful Chapter Resolution”</i> Walter Hudson, LGSC	<i>“How to Start a Livestock Association”</i> John M. Romero And Stuart A. Romero, Sedillo Cattle Association
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm		Break		
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm		<i>“Probate: Eastern Agency”</i> Effie Delmar, BNR/BIA	<i>“What Services to Expect from your DGCM”</i> Kim Johnson, NNDA	<i>“Your Best Bull Selection”</i> Tom Hardesty, Basin Angus Ranch
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm		<i>“Probate: Big Navajo”</i> Irvine Chee, Dpt. of Justice, Navajo Nation	<i>“Creating A Grazing Mgt. Plan”</i> Kim Johnson, And Ray Castillo, NNDA	<i>“Five Items to Increase the Value of Your Herd”</i> John M. Romero And Stuart A. Romero, Sedillo Cattle Association
				<i>“Seed To Feed: Hydroponic Fodder Production”</i> Bill Edwards, Program Dir., Tolani Lake Enterprises
				<i>“Soils for Farming & Gardening”</i> Russell Plumb And Dan Perkins, NRCS Soil Survey
				<i>“Planting a Garden Oasis in Naschitti”</i> Richard Begay

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THURSDAY, August 23, 2012

Track 1	Navajo & Federal Policy/Laws
Track 2	Range Conservation
Track 3	Livestock Management/Cultural
Track 4	Farming/Gardening

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Morning Refreshment - Coffee, Fruit, Pastries <i>Mr. Pax Harvey - Dine’ Entertainer - Facilitator, MC and Entertainer</i>				
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Prayer				
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Exhibits and Vendor Booths Open	Frederick H. White, Executive Director, Division of Natural Resources “Agriculture and Conservation Priority Within the Division of Natural Resources”			
8:45 am - 9:30 am		“Cemeteries and Eminent Domain” Mike Halona And Howard Draper, Land Dpt., Navajo Nation	“What is an Integrated Weed Management Plan? How can it help me?” Renee Benally And Harrilene Yazzie, U.S. Dpt. of the Interior, BIA, And Representative, Fred Phillips Inc.	“Traditional Wool Dyeing Demonstration” Sarah H. Natani, Dine Be lina, Inc.	“Regional Food Systems” Evert Oldham, Area Director, San Juan County Government
9:45 am - 10:20 am		“Five Year Action Plan to Address Feral Livestock in Eastern Navajo Agency” Effie Delmar, BNR/BIA	“Livestock Range Nutrition” Jim Sprinkle, Area Animal Science Specialist, University of Arizona, Gila County	“Diné Value of the Land and Agriculture” Robert Johnson, Navajo Cultural Specialist, Navajo Nation Museum	“Drip Irrigation for Gardens, Small Farms and Landscapes” Dr. Dan Smeal, PhD, College Professor, NMSU - ASC Plant and Environmental Sciences
10:20 am - 10:35 am		Break			
10:35 am - 11:35 am		“The Benefit of Filing Agriculture and Ranching Income Taxes” Dr. Ruby Ward, Associate Professor, Utah State University	“Range Management and Herbicides” Glenna Lee AND Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo EPA	“Navajo Weaving: Wedge Weaving Technique” TahNibaa Naataanii Executive Director Dine Be lina, Inc.	“Green House and Box Gardening” Nicole Pino And Anthony Howard, Navajo Technical College
11:35 am - 1:00 pm		Lunch Break - BBQ Area			
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm		“2008 - 2012: Livestock Round Up Report (Trends, Attitudes, Future Plans for Feral Livestock Removal)” Randall Jim, Sergeant, And Aurelia Nez, Sergeant, Resource Enforcement	“Re-Focus on Value of Beef Quality Assurance and Utilizing EPD’s” Manny Encienas, Livestock Specialist, NMSU	“Growing and Harvesting Navajo Tea for Profit” Steve Heil, Grower Farm Wonder LLC	“Basic Low Pressure Sprinkler Irrigation” Dr. Dan Smeal, PhD, College Professor, NMSU - ASC Plant and Environmental Sciences
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm		“The Navajo Corporation Code: How to Incorporate A Ranching/Farming Business” Eunice Begay, Navajo Business Regulatory	“Conservation and Water Development Project: NN Pitts Ranch” Ivan Becenti, NNDA and Dan Taylor, Bat Foundation	“Open Cattle” Dr. Scott Bender, Veterinarian, NNVLP, NNDA	“Native Seeds/SEARCH and Native American Partnerships: Working Together to Preserve Biodiversity in the American Southwest” Native Seeds/SEARCH
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies - Door Prizes (must be present to win)				

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